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To: Selectmen
Parks Commission
Rick Gallegos
From: Stu Marckoon
Re: Lamoine Beach Complaint
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Yesterday a former parks commissioner came to my office to voice a complaint about the condition of Lamoine Beach Park. He said that he had kayaked to the facility on two occasions this summer and found the bathroom to be disgusting and the park and beach area having a lot of litter. I consider him to be a reliable person who takes a lot of pride in how the park looks, and promised I would take a look at the park in the afternoon.

I did so, camera in hand, and found nothing extraordinarily poor about the maintenance of the park. The bathroom was clean, appears to have toilet paper and hand sanitizer. The picnic area was well mowed and there did not seem to be any litter either there or on the beach to speak of. Not a lot of people were using the facility when I visited – we've hit the "off season".

I have no doubt that at times this past summer there was a lot of use and there may have been days on the weekend where the use caused some cleanliness issues. Rick Gallegos visits both Lamoine Beach and Bloomfield Park weekly to clean the outhouses and perform any other maintenance chores as needed. What I saw today confirms to me that the proper maintenance had taken place the prior weekend.

Here are some pictures:



The outhouse facility interior appears to be clean, and the toilet tissue holder is installed correctly.

The exterior of the outhouse looks to be in good shape, a trash can had capacity.



The picnic area was very tidy, no appreciable amount of litter on the ground. Trash cans all had bags in them. Picnic tables are all in good shape, well painted. The trash barrels, though, are a bit rusty, and possibly could use a new coat of paint during the winter.

The beach itself was being used by sunbathers and a couple walking four dogs. I did not walk much of the length, but to my naked eyes, I did not see an appreciable amount of litter or unnatural debris on the beach looking in either direction.

